Local Work Group Development of Local EQIP.

Stevens Soil and Water Conservation District FY09 EQIP

1. List the local resource concerns that EQIP can address:

Erosion Control
Water Resource Protection
Grazing
Wildlife Habitat Improvement
Air Quality
Forest Management

2. If applicable, list any geographic regions (i.e. watersheds, townships, etc.) and their respective resource concerns within the District to receive priority:

Pomme de Terre Watershed Chippewa River Watershed Red River Watershed

3. From items 1 & 2 above prioritize the local resource concerns to be addressed with EQIP funding for the district. Describe a minimum of 3 categories of the highest priority applications which you would want to receive funding.

Soil Erosion and Water Quality in Pomme de Terre Watershed.

Soil Erosion and Water Quality in Chippewa River Watershed.

Soil Erosion and Water Quality in Red River Watershed.

- 4. Develop a minimum of 3 and maximum of 12 yes/no questions to determine if an application is addressing the high priority concerns described in item 3.
- 1. Water Quality Non point source pollution 3 watersheds listed in #3
- does the FIEval rating exceed 26?
- 2. Soil Erosion-will the application install practices to reduce soil erosion to = or < than T
- 3. Soil Erosion-will structural practices be installed to control ephemeral and gully erosion?
- 4. Soil Erosion & Water Quality-will or has this application install(ed) practices that result in the implementation of Prescribed Grazing and/or 393 Filterstrip(s) contract(s) on this tract of land?

- 5. Assign points to the questions in Item #4 as desired to reflect local priorities. The total points assigned to the questions should be between 35 to 60 points.
- 1. 18
- 2.15
- 3. 12
- 4. 15
- 6. Submit this worksheet to your respective ASTC(FO). After approval from the state office, the questions will be entered into the Local Issues section of the ranking tool.
- 7. List any recommended practices to be deleted from the state Conservation Practice Payment Document

The local EQIP program description, cost-share docket changes, and ranking worksheet must be reviewed and approved by the State Conservationist before any EQIP contract is approved and signed.

This document serves as the Local Work Group recommendation for FY 09 EQIP. Attached is a roster of participation in the Local Work Group.

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